



SWANSON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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This school is fully accredited by the State of Virginia and through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

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Swanson Middle School, located in the historic Westover community, has a long tradition of academic success. Program highlights include inter-disciplinary team teaching, flexible scheduling, a teacher advisory program, exploratory options and extensive after-school activities. The Swanson staff is selected and educated to teach the middle school child. Swanson has high expectations for all of the students and places great value in our motto "Service-Spirit-Scholarship." Swanson approaches instruction systematically with clear goals and objectives, recognizes and values cultural differences, maintains a positive classroom climate and strives to foster a positive home/school relationship. At Swanson, we believe success is a team effort and the team consists of students, parents, teachers and staff.

INSTRUCTIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Admiral's Wheel (sixth grade exploration of six subjects, taught in four-week cycles)
- Sixth Grade and Advanced Band, daily
- Simulations, exhibits, seminars and field trips
- Career Seminar Day
- Project nights
- Science Fair
- Writers' Fair
- Emphasis on writing
- Experiential education
- Service learning
- Tutorial program
- Science Research Club
- Literary magazine
- Act II
- Transitional Spanish

GOALS

Our school goals are to meet the physical, social, emotional and intellectual developmental needs of adolescents from ages 10 - 14. We teach students how to analyze and understand information, solve problems, adapt to change and be lifelong learners. We hold high expectations for all students. Some specific goals for the school year are to promote student achievement, raise minority students' academic performance, provide effective professional development for teachers, and enhance school-home-community communications.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Recognized as one of the region's most successful middle schools by The Washington Post
- Arlington County Teacher of the Year 1997, 2004, 2006, 2007
- Presidential Fitness Awards
- Arlington Optimist Oratorical Contest winners
- Virginia Math League winners
- Continental Math League winners
- DAR American History Award
- Internationally-ranked Academic Hallmarks Team
- Geography Bee competition
- International band competitions
- Technology Bowl winners
- Virginia Junior Academy of Science winners
- Math Fax Competition winners
- Comcast Technology Award winner
- ARC/Riggs Bank Educational Leadership Award
- Virginia Creating Excellence Award
- VJAS Science Teacher of the Year
- Fulbright Scholar Teacher Exchange Program
- Scary Story Contest winner
- V.F.W. National Citizenship Education Teacher of the Year
- Reflections winner
- Active Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
- More than 30 community service opportunities for students